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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**ART UNIT 2131**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masahiro Okada et al.  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated February 15, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 15 of this paper.